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PETITION TO HAVE AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.312 ENTERED

Sir:

In response to the Communication dated March 30, 2006, Applicants hereby petition that the Amendment filed on March 17, 2005 be entered, and that claim 3 be reinstated.

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REMARKS

In response to a Restriction Requirement dated July 7, 2004, Applicants elected Group 1, (claims 1-24) without traverse. In response to a Species Requirement dated September 2, 2004, Applicant elected Species II, Fig. 3 (which read on claims 1, 4-14, and 16-24). On February 22, 2005, the Notice of Allowability stated that non-elected claim 3 had been cancelled by Examiner's Amendment. On March 17, 2005, Applicants filed an Amendment Under Rule 1.312 to request that claim 3 be reinstated. A Response to the Rule 312 Communication stated that the Amendment filed on March 17, 2005 was disapproved, that claim 1 is not generic to claim 3, the elected Figure 3 does not have the "second conductor" of the shunt device connected to the gate of the SOI transistor, and adding claim 3 will create new matter.

Applicants hereby petition that the Amendment filed on March 17, 2005 be entered, and that claim 3 be reinstated herewith, as provided by 37 CFR 1.141 which states: "more than one species of an invention not to exceed a reasonable number, may be specifically claimed in different claims in one national application, provided the application also includes an allowable claim generic to all the claimed species and all the claims to species in excess of one are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of the generic claim." As claim 3 is dependent on claim 1, claim 3 necessarily includes all the limitations of claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is generic to claim 3 (contrary to the conclusion reached in the March 30, 2006 communication). Because 37 C.F.R. 1.141 permits multiple species to be claimed in dependent form from the allowed claims, claim 3 should be reinstated and allowed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that claim 3 be reinstated.

Further, section 809 of the MPEP states "upon the allowance of the linking claim(s), the Examiner must notify Applicant that any canceled, non-elected claim(s) which depends from or requires all the limitations of the allowable linking claim may be

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reinstated by submitting the claim(s) in an Amendment." Applicants have submitted such an Amendment on March 17, 2006. Thus, claim 3 should be reinstated and allowed.

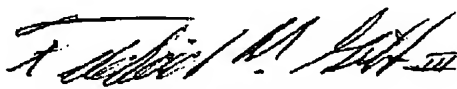
Section 821.04(a) of the MPEP states "a requirement for restriction should be withdrawn when a generic claim, linking claim, or subcombination claim is allowable and any previously withdrawn claim depends from or otherwise requires all the limitations thereof. Claims that require all the limitations of an allowable claim will be rejoined and fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104."

Therefore, Applicants petition that the Amendment filed on March 17, 2005 be entered, and that claim 3 be reinstated and allowed.

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